

## |WINTERIZATION MEETING

Would like to meet with Designers as soon as possible after initial design meeting on monday.

### WINTERIZATION HAVING TWO ASPECTS, MATERIAL AND EDUCATIONAL. IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION TO SAFETY

The need to produce education materials and do trainings on winter camping;

--How to set up tent properly (especially underlying tarps that don't pool water under the tents

--Clothing (wool, not cotton, layers, staying dry, storing clothing in base of sleeping bag)

--Not sleeping alone in tent; buddy system; checking on each other; nighttime census/check; what to do about hypothermia

Will make model training tent and conduct trainings of small groups  
Will identify tents that are not set up properly or are not appropriate for winter camping; approach inhabitants to help them set up their tents properly.

### WEATHERING THE STORM

People whose tents were set up properly were warm in the storm.

### HOT MANHOLE COVERS:

City yesterday erected barriers around the manhole covers .

### DESIGN IDEAS

PROTOTYPE INDIVIDUAL DWELLING: Would like to create a prototype/model tent set-up that would be useful to other Occupies. (Ground solution, insulation layer, etc.)

REQUEST: Communication Aid: To have a drawing of prototype, specification of materials, costs and cost per unit, and maybe use model tent as laboratory to test performance. (heat retention, etc.)

REQUEST: Would like to have a site plan of the camp with escape routes.

Note: Also looking for aerial shot of the camp as it is for use for by working groups such as identifying tents that need to be worked on, or doing night-time tent checks for safety.

Brian is contacting Sprout architect Eric Smith knows how to get a current areal photo for use by working groups.

Alix in media has contact who was involved in design of Rose Kennedy Greenway who could probably provide design group with drawings.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZED \$5,000 TO PURCHASE 4 - 16X32' ARMY TENTS to house Media, Logistic, Food(service), Medic and Safety. Expect a future purchase of a 16x32 tent for dining and for multipurpose gathering tent; also possibility of 12x12 for other working groups like outreach, faith and spirituality, signs, etc.

CAMP AS VISUAL/SYMBOLIC COMMUNICATION: AN ICONISTIC SITE THAT CONVEYS OCCUPY DIRECT DEMOCRACY VALUES.

Brian met with Mel King who questioned the point of putting resources into winterizing the camp. Brian expressed that corporations fill the environment with visual symbols communicating their power and values, and encampments serve as billboards of another kind.

Eric wants to modify the appearance of the army tents to communicate Occupy values against military connotations.

Idea of approaching Greenway to put hoop house greenhouses in existing garden space to grow winter greens.

RESTRUCTURING THE VILLAGE: People at winterization were very open to idea of restructuring to make it work better. Also possibility of some communal sleeping arrangements. Discussion of doing ground treatments in sections at a time.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY: Rachel (rachelbp@gmail.com) is in contact with Police Commissioner, who is close to mayor, a line to the mayor. She thinks its best to talk to him about things first. She finds him generally supportive. Police have been preventing people from bringing in building supplies, including pallets.

GENERATOR

Karen from IBEW is in touch with Business Manager of IBEW local 103, Michael Monahan. He is very supportive of Occupy and is tight with the Mayor. The IBEW is planning to supply a 5,000 Watt diesel generator. It would either come by in truck twice a day or be on site with a IBEW people staffing it. The governor was responsible for cutting off power to the Greenway.

REQUEST: EXPERT LETTER(S) MATERIALS/SAFETY: Could design group write letter to commissioner to substantiate the need for materials to be used in getting tents off the ground, as well as need for barriers to prevent salt from contaminating or wind barriers? Having letter from

experts and informing the commissioner in advance could smooth the way and increase trust in safety of encampment.

DESIGN ISSUE: making sure that tent lines are placed so people aren't tripping over them. Fluorescent markers on tent lines?

SIGNAGE/SIGNAGE DESIGN FOR CAMP SAFETY POLICIES AND EVACUATION ROUTES?

DESIGN: Need for door mats.

DESIGN IDEA: ground treatment: Sage created stakes cut out of broader boards that would form just corners that ply wood could be laid on. Stakes are shape like stake with rectangle on top that keeps them from sinking into ground. Advantage that unlike pallets we have been considering, these would be easy to bring into camp. (I will forward email with photo of what he made.)

Sage also is camping in an insulated "tiny house" (bed sized) in which he was very warm. It is on wheels, and he can pull it on a bike.

Sage also invented using the heat retaining liners found in coffee boxes "Box of Jo" -- these silver liners can be filled with hot water used as warmers in sleeping bag at night. His was still warm in the morning.

PROPOSAL THAT RESTRUCTURING AND WINTERIZING BE TREATED AS AN EVENT, TO GET THE WHOLE ENCAMPMENT ON BOARD AND PARTICIPATING.

The idea of having a winterization day, and put all the energy improvements, generate enthusiasm, energy/labor and sense of participation.